



Meeting Notes
February 6, 2006
6:00pm-7:45 PM
Boston Public Library
65 Warren Street

RSMPOC Members Present: Darnell Williams, Norman Stenbridge, Daniel Richardson, Barbara Barrow-Murray, Joe Cefalo, Reginald Jackson, Marilyn Lynch, Michael Miles, Charlotte Nelson, Donovan Walker, Councilor Charles Turner, Public-30 plus

Welcome: Darnell Williams (OC Chair) called the meeting to order and introduced the agenda.

Review of Minutes: The minutes for both 12/5/05 and 1/9/06 RSMPOC meetings were unanimously approved. Donovan Walker (OC) raised a question regarding the P-3 PRC that was tabled until the end of the meeting.

Attendance Issues: As part of an ongoing discussion, Darnell (OC) reminded the OC that three consecutive absences was grounds for dismissal from the committee. There are several members in violation of this rule as well as a resignation from the committee. The BRA will work to generate a possible list of replacements and work with the OC on this issue.

Roxbury Workers Guild Presentation- Kerrick Johnson: Kerrick Johnson presented a document outlining his proposal for Roxbury Builders' Guild. It centered on construction issues, neighborhood issues, and community members. It stressed the importance of minority inclusion in the building of all RSMP projects and upholding the vision of the RSMP. Kerrick stressed the importance of community outreach, as well as to minorities involved in the construction trades, in order to guarantee that Roxbury residents receive a fair opportunity to compete for job opportunities created during this process. He stressed the importance of partnering between different groups that work on these issues in order to increase the prominence of local voices. He outlined 5 objectives: 1.) project labor agreement 2.) Roxbury construction jobs bank 3.) minority contractors association 4.) coordinate training and recruitment programs 5.) community enforcement process.

RSMPOC Questions/Discussion: Councilor Turner (OC) suggested that a OC committee be set up to meet with the Roxbury Builders' Guild as well as the Roxbury Neighborhood Council to look further into this issue. Charlotte Nelson (OC) asked for a timeframe and the committee will report back next month.

Joe Cefalo (OC) raised the question of possible legal issues and whether the OC has the legal authority to get involved in this issue as the RFP's are issued by the City of Boston. Darnell (OC) took the point into consideration but felt the committee could determine "next steps" in the process.

The committee voted in favor of enacting this committee with only Donovan (OC) abstaining. Daniel Richardson, Barbara Barrow-Murray and Councilor Turner will be the OC representatives. The BRA will reach out to the RNC.

Lease Proceeds- Councilor Turner: Revisited the P-3 RFP process and how the land will be ground-leased to developers not sold and looking at the lease fees as possible revenue for the Roxbury community. The OC adopted this position and had the lease piece inserted into the RFP for a period of 65 years. No determination of the possible use or destination of lease fees had been made, but there was some discussion. Councilor Turner suggested an ad-hoc committee look at this issue, identify key issues and take up the discussion with the BRA, who owns the land.

Darnell (OC) responded to clarify that P-3 is owned by the BRA while Bartlett Yard is owned by the MBTA. He also mentioned that the RFP offers a lease period of 65 years but suggested that be changed to 99 years, which is more common. He also suggested that the OC chair and two vice chairs head up this issue, working with any ex-officio members.

Dudley Square Main Streets-Joyce Stanley: A presentation by Dudley Square Main Streets Director Joyce Stanley focusing on developing the commercial potential of the Bartlett Yard site, specifically along Washington Street. It highlighted the neighborhood and market research done by the organization over the last 3 years. The presentation had two main themes, the first to bring more quality goods, services and jobs to the community. The second was to create a balanced community for both residents and businesses. The proposals within the presentation are meant to be "concepts", not formal development plans.

Bartlett Yard Community Workshop Summary-John Dalzell (BRA): John highlighted the extremely positive outcome of the January 28th Community Workshop for Bartlett Yard. Copies of the group notes were distributed to each OC member. Some broad themes did emerge from the workshop, primarily that the site should include both commercial and residential development. Others included pedestrian access, open green spaces, mixed-income community, parking access and maintaining neighborhood character.

Community Workshop Draft Agenda for 2/13/06: A draft agenda for the 2/13 meeting was presented. The workshop will attempt to build on the progress and themes from the 1/28 meeting. Darnell (OC) reiterated this point. The BRA will also present design guidelines that help illustrate various ideas.

Community Survey Results: An updated copy of the Bartlett Yard Community Survey was presented. The survey will remain open until the morning of 2/13. Please continue to encourage people to fill it out.

Community Outreach: The John (BRA) explained how the workshops were publicized through meetings, flyers, neighborhood organizations, email and mailings. Darnell (OC) asked if there were any other groups missed? Add **St Joseph Housing Co-Operative**.

Old Business:

OC/PRC Meeting: Donovan (OC) highlighted this issue during the notes review. Marilyn Lynch (OC) said that the PRC had not formally met this year and was looking at a possible end of February meeting date. The PRC will not be reviewing proposals until May. Darnell (OC) suggested that Marilyn (OC) and Reginald Jackson (OC) get the PRC together and figure out a time to get the two groups together. Also, an OC member will need to replace Jose Alicea (OC) on the PRC.

OC Membership: Jose Alicea has asked for a one-year leave of absence due to personal issues. After a unanimous vote, this request was approved. Also, the BRA will work to develop new names to replace members who will be leaving the committee. Also, Ricardo Quiroga has resigned due to personal reasons.

Audience Questions:

Rosemary made the point that minority contractors should be given equal opportunity for any jobs developed through the RSMP.